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LOK SABHA

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COMPREHENSIVE COASTAL SECURITY SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the implementation of comprehensive security scheme for coastal States;

(b) the amount released for Gujarat so far; and

(c) the amount likely to be released to Gujarat during 2008-09?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a): A Coastal Security Scheme is under implementation over a period of 5 years from 2005-06 to give assistance to 9 coastal States of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal and 4 Union Territories of Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep, Puducherry and Andaman & Nicobar Islands to strengthen infrastructure for patrolling and surveillance of coastal areas including close coastal waters. Under the Scheme, 73 coastal police stations, 97 check posts, 58 outposts and 30 operational barracks have been approved. The Police Stations will be provided with 204 vessels fitted with modern navigational and maritime equipments. 149 jeeps and 312 motorcycles have also been approved. A lump sum assistance of Rs.10 lakhs per police station has also been approved for computers and equipments, etc.
The approved five-year outlay for the Scheme is Rs.400 crores for non-recurring expenditure and Rs.151 crores for recurring expenditure on fuel, maintenance and repairs of vessels and training of personnel.
The funds to the tune of Rs.1303.57 lakhs were released in 2005-06, Rs.988.97 lakhs in 2006-07 and Rs.409.237 lakhs in 2007-08 as assistance under the Scheme.
47 out of 73 coastal police stations have been made operational in Gujarat (10), Andhra Pradesh (6), West Bengal (4), Goa (3), Kerala (1), Maharashtra (12), Karnataka (5) and Puducherry (1), Lakshadweep (4) and Daman (1) by making premises and trained manpower available. To make them fully functional, assistance for vehicles and lump sum assistance for equipment have been released to them.
The prices of the Interceptor Boats to be purchased under the Scheme have been finalized. The Letter of Intent (LOI) has been issued to M/s GSL, Goa and M/s GRSE, Kolkata.
The executive and technical staff have been sanctioned/made available by all the coastal States. Approximately one thousand personnel have been trained by Coast Guard.

(b): So far an amount of Rs.816.00 lakhs has been released to the State Government of Gujarat for purchase of vehicles and construction of Coastal Police Stations, Check Posts and Out Posts.

(c): Amount to be released to State Government of Gujarat during the year 2008-09 will depend upon physical and financial progress made by the State Government for implementation of the Coastal Security Scheme.